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1. A water-in-oil emulsion

- (a) with a content of water and optionally water-soluble substances totalling at least 80% by weight, and with a content of lipids, emulsifiers and lipophilic constituents of less than 20% by weight, in each case based on the total weight of the preparations.
- (b) comprising at least one surface-active substance selected from the group consisting of substances of the general formula (I)

$$A \longrightarrow O \left(\begin{array}{ccc} CH - X - CH \longrightarrow O \\ R_1 & R_2 \end{array} \right)_a \qquad (I)$$

where A and A' are identical or different organic radicals selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl and acyl radicals and hydroxyacyl radicals having 10 - 30 carbon atoms, and the group consisting of hydroxyacyl groups bonded together via ester functions, according to the scheme

where R' is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkyl groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and R is selected from the group consisting of branched and unbranched alkylene groups having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and b is a number from 0 to 200,

- a is a number from 1 to 100,
- X is a single bond or the group

-CH-O R₃

- R₁ and R₂ independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of H and methyl,
- R₃ is selected from the group consisting of H, and of branched and unbranched, saturated and unsaturated alkyl- and acyl radicals having 1 20 carbon atoms,
- one cationic polymer is selected from the group consisting of cationic cellulose derivatized with a quaternary ammonium salt, cationic starch, copolymers of diallylammonium salts and acrylamides, quaternized vinylpyrrolidone/ vinylimadazole polymers, condensation products of polyglycols and amines, quaternized collagen polypeptides, quaternized wheat polypeptides, polyethyleneimine, cationic silicone polymers, copolymers of adipic acid with dimethylaminohydroxypropyldiethylenethiamine, copolymers of acrylic acid with dimethyldiallylammonium chloride, polyaminopolyamides, and cationic guar gum.

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Please substitute claim 5 with amended claim 5 below:

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 Emulsion according to Claim 1, comprising from 0.01 to 10% by weight of cationic polymers.

Please substitute claim 9 with amended claim 9 below:

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9. Emulsion according to Glaim 5, wherein said amount of cationic polymers is from 0.25 to 1.25% by weight.

Please substitute claim 11 with amended claim 11 below:

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11. The emulsion according to claim 1 wherein the cationic cellulose derivatized with quaternary ammonium salt is polyquatemium-10.

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If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.



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Summary of Amendments Made

At the outset, the applicants would like to thank Examiners Wells and Travers for meeting with the applicants' representatives to discuss the merits of the application on 2 July 2002.

Claims 1, 5, 9 and 11 have been amended. It is believed that no new matter has been added.

Although the applicants disagree with the examiner's assertion that the phrase "cellulose derivative" is vague and indefinite, Claim 1 has amended the description of the cationic cellulose derivative. The applicants' reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a divisional application.

Claims 5 and 9 have been amended to include units of measurement as was referred to in the examiner's previous rejection of claim 5 under 112, second paragraph.